(d) The Govt, is interacting closely with industry and sharing with it ail related information. Necessary assistance is being provided in preparation of ODS phaseout projects. The Govt. has. also provided full exemption from payment of custom and excise duties on capital goods required to implement project approved by the Montreal Fund.

Climate Summit in Berlin

6170. SHRI G.Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he attended the UN Climate Conference held in Berlin during the last month;

(b) if so, its achievements so far as cutting down of global warming is concerned; and

(c) how he put forth India's stand on ourbing of global warming?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main thrust of the discussions for cutting down of global warming was on the implementation of commitments for reducing green house gas emissions by the developed countries, and on enhancing these commitments.

(c) India reiterated the principles contained in the Framework convention on climate Change with specific reference to the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities, and respective capabilities to protect the climate system. Further, India emphasised the point that the per capital emissions in the developing countries were still relatively low and that the share of global emissions originating in developing countries is bound to grow to meet their social and developmental needs; it is the developed countries which should take the lead in combating climate change and adverse effects thereof, since the global environmental problems being BOW faced are largely of their making. India also took the lead in the setting up of a group to discuss enhanced commitments by developed countries.

Report of the Review Conference of NPT

6171. SHRI G.Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether government have got any report about what transpired at the extension and review conference of the Non-Proliferation Treaty held in New York during the middle of this month; if, the details thereof;

(b) whether it has been revealed in Washington earlier this month that Islamabad is constructing nuclear reactor, which will give that country access to plutonium, for more powerful and compact nuclear weapons, than it now possesses;

(c) whether the Pakistan Prime Minister, during her visit to Washington, conceded that a project involving a small reactor for an experimental purpose was being constructed at Khushab in Punjab and it was tied to our nuclear power Plant from China;

(d) whether the USA has been pressing India on nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and other cognate aspects; and

(e) if so, whether India's firmness on not signing the treaty had been conveyed to Washington before the start of the NPT Review Conference and its refusal to accept guarantees of, apropriate action by the nuclear powers, in the event of attacks on the have-nots, and if not, the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) On 11 May 1995, the NPT states parties decided to extend the treaty indefinitely.

(b) and (c) Government is aware of reports that Pakistan is constructing, with assistance from China, a 40 MW nuclear research rector, at Khushab. In an interview published by "The Washington